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SUBJ: CIVAIR - FOREIGN OFFICE INTERVENES FORMALLY ON BEHALF TMA

REF: BEIRUT 13835

1. GOL FOREIGN OFFICE HAS MADE FORMAL INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF TMA FUEL SITUATION IN ALASKA, NOTING THAT TMA INFORMED BY CHEVRON ONLY TEN PERCENT OF NORMAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR JAN 1974 QUOTE IN ABSENCE OF POOLING OF BONDED AND DOMESTIC FUEL OR SOME GOVT PROGRAM END QUOTE. POINTING OUT THAT GOL HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO ASSURE AIRPLANE FUEL ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS BY OBLIGING LOCAL OIL COMPANIES TO POOL IF NECESSARY, FOREIGN OFFICE EXPRESSES VIEW THAT SIMILAR STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY U S AUTHORITIES SO AS TO ASSURE REASONABLE TMA REQUIREMENTS.

2. IN REPLY WE STRESSED U S DESIRE FOR NONDISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AND EXPLAINED COMPLEXITIES OF PRESENT SITUATION, BUT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S LATEST READING ON CHANCES OF TMA'S OBTAINING ANY RELIEF.

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3. FOR DEPT'S INFO TMA CIRCULATING REPORT THAT PAA

BEING GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY CHEVRON AT FAIRBANKS
WHICH LOCAL PAA REP HERE DENIES, ADDING THAT PAA EARNESTLY
TRYING ASSIST TMA WITH ITS PROBLEM.

COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE TMA HAS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL
CLOUT LOCALLY AND IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL BE USED
FOR WHAT ITS WORTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO AFFECT LOCAL PAA OPERATIONS
IN SOME MANNER (PAA PROPOSED 1974 SCHEDULE, FOR EXAMPLE,
OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MISCHIEF) UNTIL SOME SATISFACTION
OBTAINED RE SUPPLY SITUATION IN ALASKA.
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